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NSC BRIEFING

10 November 1955

MORALE IN EAST GERMANY

- I. Popular discontent East German population compares in extent to period of 17 June 1953 when revolt took place.
- II. Due to effectiveness of Communist security apparatus, this discontent remains passive.
- III. Reasons for popular dissatisfaction are:
 - a. poor living conditions, i.e., food, clothing, housing;
 - b. political pressure -- absence of free speech -- danger from secret police;
 - c. pressures to increase labor productivity;
 - d. pressures on youth to join armed forces;
 - e. knowledge of prosperity in West Germany
- IV. Communist regime has clamped down on rail

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checks on ticket purchasers. Campaign began
on 24 October with resultant decrease in Berlin
refugee count --

16-22 October	4,952
23-29 October	3,839

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